Dear Lynne,

Thank you for your letter of 24 July about the CYPE Committee’s Inquiry on Children’s Rights in Wales. I look forward to discussing the progress we have made on children’s rights when I give evidence to the Committee in November.

Your letter requested an update on when the revised Children’s Rights Scheme will be published for the National Assembly’s approval.

My officials are currently working with the children’s sector, including our expert stakeholder group, the Children’s Rights Advisory Group (CRAG)\(^1\), on a refreshed document. We will discuss the latest draft of the Children’s Rights Scheme at our next meeting with the CRAG on 11 September 2019. Following this meeting, we will move forward with a consultation process, including with children and young people with the aim of seeking agreement of the new Scheme in spring 2020.

I trust the Committee will find this information helpful. I look forward to discussing the draft Children’s Rights Scheme, as part of our work to promoting and embed children’s rights, with the Committee in November.

Yours sincerely,

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\(^1\) The Welsh Government work collaboratively with a number of organisations who are instrumental in providing expertise and advice on the implementation of the Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011, and how children’s human rights may be given better effect in Wales. The standing members of CRAG are Children and Families Division (Welsh Government), Children in Wales, Office of the Children’s Commissioner for Wales, Walser Observatory on Human Rights of Children and UNICEF.

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